

ARKANSAS  
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



\*Harvesting/Irrigating

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**RELEASED:** September 25, 2000 3:00 p.m. - Temperatures were normal with less than normal rainfall. 6.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 63 percent very short, 24 percent short, 12 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

**CROPS:** Rice, sorghum, soybean, and cotton harvest continued with corn harvest near completion. Defoliation continued in cotton fields. Full season soybeans were still being irrigated. Generally, good rice yield being reported. Dryland cotton and soybean yields in some areas are very poor. Worms and stink bugs were attacking late season soybeans. Some farmers were preparing to seed cool season crops such as wheat, ryegrass, and oats. Others were waiting for moisture conditions to improve.

**LIVESTOCK:** Cooler temperatures continued giving relief to livestock and poultry. Livestock were in fair condition. Farmers were weaning calves. Pastures across the state are in need of additional moisture. Selling-off of some cows and light calves continued due to lack of forage and supplemental feeding of hay was reported in many counties. Cattle were still being treated for flies and external parasites.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition % <sup>1</sup>				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM									
Turning Color	100	99	100	100					
Mature	98	96	98	94					
Harvested	91	85	88	75					
COTTON					3	17	38	36	6
Opening Bolls	93	83	89	83					
Harvest	23	11	16	9					
SOYBEANS					22	23	29	21	5
Setting Pods	100	98	100	100					
Shedding	44	33	35	26					
Mature	24	13	na	na					
Harvest	13	6	12	7					
RICE					1	5	21	54	19
Ripe	94	85	na	na					
Harvest	63	42	70	60					
CORN									
Harvest	97	94	94	91					
ALFALFA					14	26	54	6	0
OTH. HAY					33	42	20	5	0
PASTURE					44	40	14	2	0

1/Many reports are received on Friday and may not reflect conditional changes due to weekend weather.

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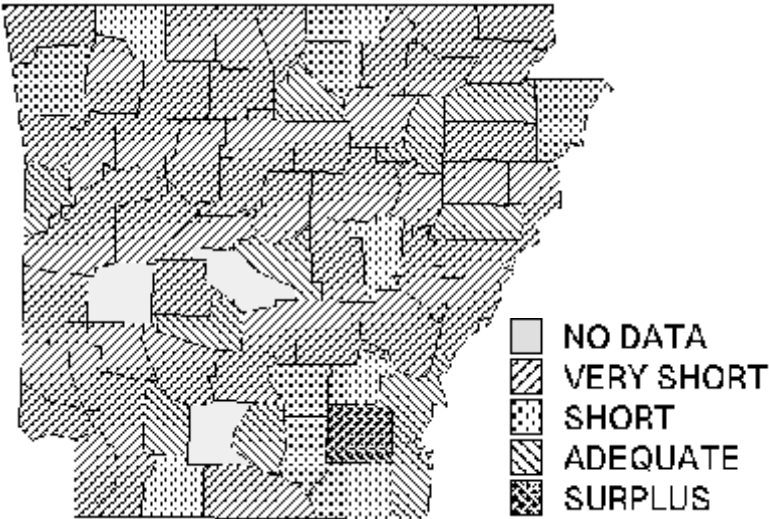
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

September 24, 2000. Temperatures were much milder for the period except for Saturday in parts of the state ahead of the frontal passage. Rainfall continued to be generally less than normal. The high temperature of 98<sup>o</sup> was reported at Eudora. The low of 41<sup>o</sup> was reported at Gilbert. No precipitation was reported at Hope or Camden. Fort Smith, however, recorded 2.98 inches.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING September 24, 2000

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEK ENDING SEP 24	CURRENT SEPT. ACCUM.	SEPT. NORMAL	JAN-AUG	
1 Fayetteville	90	46	1	2.21	3.51	4.09	26.97	28.88
Harrison	89	50	2	1.38	3.04	3.90	24.05	29.51
2 Calico Rock	96	43	1	0.40	0.92	3.93	26.51	29.13
Evening Shade				na	0.00	4.10	0.00	30.47
Gilbert	97	41	4	1.67	1.85	3.62	23.88	28.42
Greers Ferry	95	50	4	1.48	1.94	4.47	25.30	33.50
Mountain Home	93	49	2	1.66	2.15	3.68	25.03	28.47
3 Batesville	93	49	1	1.17	1.29	4.37	20.86	31.55
Black Rock				na	0.00	4.23	0.00	31.13
Georgetown				na	0.00	3.95	0.00	34.05
Jonesboro	92	49	3	0.04	0.20	3.69	24.00	32.63
Keiser	94	55	6	0.84	1.42	3.83	26.89	34.21
Newport	92	52	2	0.02	0.87	4.12	20.84	34.26
4 Booneville	95	56	na	2.07	2.07	na	20.32	na
Clarksville	96	53	2	2.30	2.64	3.90	22.19	30.04
Dardanelle	95	50	4	1.73	1.78	3.67	20.48	31.28
Ft. Smith	97	52	4	2.98	2.98	3.24	17.82	26.96
Mena	92	44	1	1.43	1.49	4.74	26.87	35.02
Ozark	94	54	0	2.20	2.54	4.12	23.62	28.76
5 Hot Springs	97	53	5	1.20	1.86	4.37	29.46	38.38
N Little Rock	96	60	6	0.19	0.39	4.08	24.16	31.70
6 Augusta				na	0.00	4.21	0.00	33.46
Marianna	93	53	4	0.02	0.55	4.02	22.68	34.71
Stuttgart	95	50	3	0.13	0.74	4.06	25.54	32.99
7 Hope	96	47	3	0.00	0.48	4.28	25.58	35.13
8 Camden	96	49	3	0.00	0.70	4.50	28.69	33.88
El Dorado	99	47	6	0.02	1.78	3.64	29.23	34.32
9 Arkansas City				na	0.00	3.51	0.00	36.26
Eudora	98	53	4	2.05	2.99	3.42	35.44	36.84
Pine Bluff	95	53	2	0.46	1.77	3.79	24.00	34.47
Rohwer	95	51	4	0.23	0.99	3.71	32.45	35.92

na = data not available

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